

Hoosier Echoes

We are still at work in our regular field of labor. The work may be moving slowly, nevertheless it is moving. The mid-week prayer meeting we recently organized at Darwin is having its effect and the members are taking interest in it.

The Flora congregation will hold its spring communion on Monday evening, June 13. The brethren and sisters from surrounding congregations are cordially invited to attend. We had one accession at Flora, by relation, since last report. Baptized three at our last appointment but these have been previously reported. And this reminds me that sometimes we may not be as careful as we should in sending in our reports.

It is easy to report in such vague language that the readers are left under wrong impressions. We might report a meeting held at a new point and a church organized with fourteen members, and the brotherhood would at once conclude that the Brethren church had been strengthened to the extent of fourteen accessions and a new church, when the real facts might be that only one accession is the result of the meeting and the others are only one corner of another congregation. And instead of the Brethren church being strengthened it is weakened by a division of forces. Let us be careful in our reports.

Fraternally,

R. R. TEETER.

North Manchester, Ind.

Philadelphia Pa.

Four more have been received in the Allentown Mission by baptism and two by relation, one had been baptized by the Evangelical church by trine immersion and the other by the Union praying band. We now number twenty-nine there and good prospects for more. On the 15th of May we dedicated their new church to the Lord. We had an all day service, then we continued the meetings through the week and I returned to fill my appointment in the city and Brother Roberts preached over Sunday in Allentown and on Monday I again took up the work and preached all week and also Sunday morning and in the afternoon at 3 P. M. Then I made haste to get the train for the evening service in Philadelphia. On account of the convention we were obliged to close our meeting right when it appeared that we should have kept on. In Allentown we have the most united and consecrated little band of workers that I think I ever met in the Brethren church. The Kingdom of God is first in their minds and hearts all the time. They also organized a Sunday-school with about sixty-five present the first Sunday and about eighty-five last Sunday which was the second. Miss Alice Harly was elected superintendent by a large majority. She is a young girl well educated, spirit filled and has the cause at heart. We believe the Lord will greatly use her and make her a blessing. The ground upon which the church is built is worth \$1000 and the brick church cost \$2,500, to-

tal value \$3,500. The congregation is poor but rich in grace and in a year and a half raised nearly \$1,500 so that they must carry a considerable debt, but it is so fixed that we do not expect it to even give them any trouble. In Philadelphia we started with about fifty members and soon after bought a house for \$4,500 and paid but \$500 down and it has never given us any trouble. They are not able to pay a preacher hence we from the city have been filling the pulpit gratis. It is but sixty miles from Philadelphia and any time that any of our preachers can pass that way, stop off and preach for them. Address M. S. Harley, 441 Union St., Allentown, Pa. The Lord has given us plenty of work. At present we have five mission points besides our home work in the city. One in Allentown, one in Maryland and two in New Jersey and one in Philadelphia. If the Lord would open some such brother's heart to give us some money we could easily take care of them. Last year I attended and conducted over 350 services but the Lord has wonderfully sustained me. I weigh more than ever before and have almost perfect health. For this I greatly thank the Lord. Pray very earnestly for us that the blessed Holy Spirit may have the right away in all of our work and then it will and must succeed. We are expecting and praying for a good convention. All those who can and those who cannot, pray for the success of the convention.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Montour, Iowa

The church at this place is moving along in peace and harmony. We have regular meeting every 2 weeks, Sunday school each Sunday. We still continue to preach for the brethren at Brooklyn, Iowa. The church there is improving. We have good congregations both at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. They also have a very interesting Sunday school, with Sister Kagey as Superintendent. They also have a sisters Aid Society which is doing good work. We also hold meeting every 2 weeks in a school house 6 miles north of Brooklyn. These meetings are held on Saturday evenings. The congregations are very good at this place for a Saturday night meeting. So brethren you see my time is all taken. These things with my temporal affairs keep me busy 7 days in each week but I take courage when I know none but the weary can rest.

Yours in hope

FETTER HALL.

Enon, Iowa

The church held its annual business meeting May 20. The meeting was well attended and the business of the church is in good shape. These business meeting's ought to be among the best meetings of the church.

The writer was engaged for another year as pastor, which will make the fourth year at this point. Brother Eli Hoover feeling that he was called to the ministry was elected to that office. He will be ordained soon,

probably at Garrison where he is now serving as pastor. We record that as one answer to our prayers for God to thrust out laborers into his harvest. May more feel the call and obey.

We are now engaged in a series of meetings at Enon. Pray that God will grant us "showers of blessing," Rain has seriously interfered. But we are glad we can believe that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Yours in the work

J. L. GILLIN.

Dallas Center, Ia.

Dallas Center church is spiritually alive. Good Sabbath school, good prayer meeting. The Sabbath school entertained the people who were fortunate enough to gain admittance to the Brethren church on Easter, with a most excellent program. Love and union seem to prevail.

A number of weddings, funerals and accessions to the church, not reported to our editor. That is why we do not have more church news in our paper. You do not send in your report.

Last Sabbath I was at New Virginia, Iowa, preached on Saturday evening. Sunday at 11, Memorial sermon in the evening at 8, was my last sermon for the present. The people were so glad—the house was too small for the large audience. Our membership at this church is not many in numbers but most excellent in quality. The members are scattered over about three counties. Brother Isaac Thomas is elder. Next Sabbath is my regular appointment at Leon. This makes five years I have visited Leon congregation once every month. I have not missed but one appointment, that was on account of high waters. The reporter appointed by the Leon congregation would have so many good things to tell.

CLARA FLORA.

Gleanings From the Wayside

We are thankful for life and for the promise of eternal life. While at Salem, Ind., filling our regular appointment we were called to preach the funeral of brother Wm. Richards. Thro the kindness of brother A. M. Gordon we were conveyed to the city of Frankford where we enjoyed the hospitality of brother George and Sister Little for dinner, thence out to the chapel and the funeral. From there we came to Pleasant Hill, Ohio, to which place we had been called to preach the Memorial sermon on Sunday, May 29th. We were greeted with a large audience, many faces being familiar to us, having served them for five years as pastor. It afforded us pleasure to meet them again but as usual some were not there. They will not come again; they are on the other side. Let us all strive for the mastery as ever.

Yours for salvation,

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.